

## What is trafficking?

Trafficking happens when a person is forced to work for someone else even though they do not want to. The person might be lied to about a job or forced to work. The work might be prostitution, labor, or other sexual or physical work.

## Who are traffickers?

Traffickers are people who find children and adolescents and make them work (physically and/or sexually). Traffickers can be anyone—male or female, young or old, rich or poor. They can be members of your family or business owners. Sometimes traffickers talk to children in person, sometimes they call them, and sometimes they use the internet.

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## How do I know if a person promising me a better life is lying?



**Child & Adolescent  
Trafficking:  
Recruitment tactics of  
traffickers**

## What are some signs to look for?

The work is outside your community or country.

The job sounds too easy.

Promises of a better life for you or your family.

The job sounds like a dream



Promises of lots of money, a reliable job, or a loving relationship.

## What a trafficker may do:

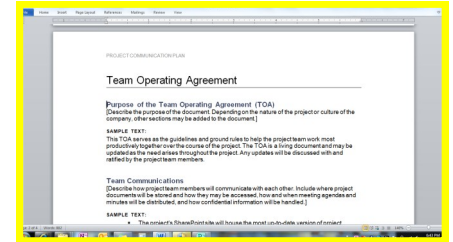
- Get you to sign a job contract that is incomplete or a contract that you cannot understand.
- Charge a fee for documents or “loan” you the money to pay for them.
- Take your documents from you while transporting you to the job.

## What a trafficker will not do:

- Tell you or your family exactly where you will be going.
- Give you complete, convincing answers.
- Follow through with what they are promising.

## How can I protect myself?

- Read all of the information and employment agreements carefully.



- Make sure your family and friends know the exact address you will be going to.
- Always have a copy of your passport with you. No one should ever want you to be without it.
- Be wary of a work offer that sounds too good to be true—it probably is.
- If the job is in another country, contact that country’s embassy in your country before you leave. Tell them about the job offer.
- When you get to a new country, immediately register with your embassy.
- Remember it is very easy for people to lie on the internet. Be cautious of any employment or marriage offer that comes through the internet.